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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUHIRO HINO) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/987,529) Group Art Unit: 1752
Filed: November 15, 2001)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
AND IMAGE FORMING)
METHOD FOR PROCESSING)
DATA DESCRIBED WITH)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Applications:

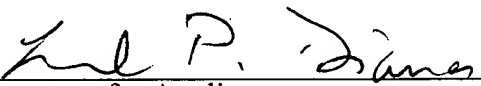
<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/320,566	05/27/99	2721
09/708,477	11/09/00	2622

A copy of each cited Application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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